

Agreed Minutes

The Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the United States (U.S.) met in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 1-2, 1998, for the annual RMI-U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) meeting to discuss the status of DOE programs which the U.S. Congress mandates as a result of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Testing Program conducted in the Marshall Islands.

The RMI Government was represented by Minister Phillip Muller (head of RMI delegation), Minister Tom Kijiner, Ambassador Banny de Brum, Secretary Robert Muller, and the Senators and Mayors of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap and Utirik. The United States was represented in the meeting by Dr. Paul Seligman of the Department of Energy (head of U.S. delegation), Ambassador Joan Plaisted, and Joseph McDermott from the Department of Interior.

The head of each delegation expressed a desire to continue to address issues in a cooperative and open manner. These agreed minutes outline the main areas which the RMI and DOE will address together in the upcoming year.

Based on the deliberations of the annual meeting, the RMI and DOE delegation heads agreed to:

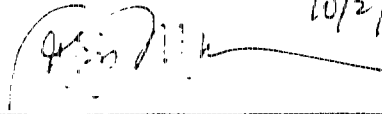
1. cooperate with any independent reviews of assessments undertaken by the RMI regarding use of environmental radiation standards, environmental monitoring, or dose assessment;
2. work with DOE's medical contractor, the 177 Health Care Program, and the RMI Ministry of Health and Environment to ensure better coordinated patient care, prompt development of community advisory groups, and appropriate leveraging of DOE resources to strengthen the health care delivery system in the RMI;
3. convene a meeting on October 2, 1998 at the RMI Embassy in Washington, D.C. to jointly review the overall DOE Marshall Islands program budget and funding allocations including a detailed discussion of the logistics contract, and to consider the future of DOE's environmental program in the RMI;
4. jointly work with the Rongelap leadership to develop environmental monitoring plans, including worker and visitor radiological safety, in support of resettlement activities;
5. jointly work with the Enewetak leadership to develop environmental monitoring plans and to address concerns about the environmental safety and long-term integrity of the Runit Dome;

6. jointly work with the Bikini leadership to discuss remediation strategies for resettlement;
7. explore options for providing lower cost medication to the health care providers in the RMI;
8. consider the most appropriate use of the equipment at the laboratory of the former National Radiological Survey office.

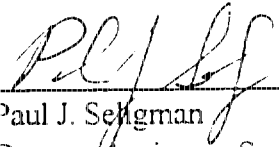
In addition, the DOE agreed to:

1. cooperate with the RMI in its efforts to inform Congress regarding the availability of funding to meet statutory obligations and commitments arising from the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Testing Program and the Department's efforts in document retrieval and declassification;
2. provide training to Marshallese in the operation of whole body counting machines as part of the joint development of environmental monitoring plans;
3. convene meetings with the Utrik community to discuss the results of environmental monitoring and to provide copies of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's final reports translated into Marshallese;
4. convene meetings with local communities to deliver translated copies of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's reports on environmental monitoring in the RMI;
5. jointly work with the RMI national and local governments to establish protocols for the wholebody counting and bioassay programs;
6. provide a letter that addresses the term "exposed," as it relates to the DOE medical program, and help explain to Congress the need for a clear interpretation of the terms "exposed" and "unexposed."

The RMI Government and DOE will keep the U.S. Interagency Group (IAG), the U.S. Congress, and the appropriate RMI Government officials informed of progress made on the items above.

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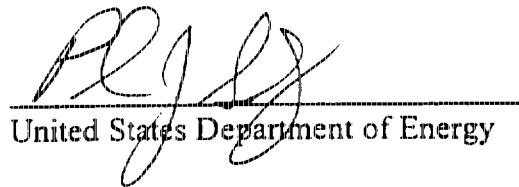
AMENDMENT TO AGREED MINUTES

The Agreed Minutes between the Republic of the Marshall Islands ("RMI") and the United States Department of Energy ("DOE"), dated October 2, 1998, are hereby amended to include that the RMI and the DOE agree to jointly work with the Enewetak leadership to address environmental and health monitoring issues in support of remediation and resettlement activities relating to Enjebi and other islets of Enewetak Atoll.

Dated: 10/5/98



Republic of the Marshall Islands



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